

Cary Woman's Club Tidbits

March 2020

Save the Date

- Mar. 1 Deadline to submit information for CWC *Tidbits*
- Mar. 3 1:30 Bingo @ Chatham Commons (Home Life CSP)
- Mar. 9 9:30 AM Fashion Show Committee Meeting at Karen's
- Mar. 12 9:30 AM General Meeting
- Mar. 12 Fundraiser Lunch/Dinner at City Barbeque 1305 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary
- Mar. 13 Tree Planting @Cary Tree Archive 2:00 PM-4:00 PM (Conservation CSP)
- Mar. 14 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM GFWC-NC Arts Festival@ Mebane Arts Center
- Mar. 19 9:30 AM Board Meeting at 1020 Southhill Drive Suite 350
- Apr. 1 Deadline to submit information for CWC *Tidbits*
- Apr. 6 Fashion Show Committee Meeting
- Apr. 7 1:30 Bingo @ Chatham Commons (Home Life CSP)
- Apr. 9 9:30 AM General Meeting
- Apr. 16 9:30 AM Board Meeting at 1020 Southhill Drive Suite 350
- Apr. 17-18 GFWC-NC Convention at the Crowne Plaza, Asheville
- May 1 Rehearsal for Fashion Show TBA
- May 1 Deadline to submit information for CWC *Tidbits*
- May 2 11 AM to 2 PM Fashion Show
- May 5 1:30 Bingo @ Chatham Commons (Home Life CSP)
- May 14 Installation Luncheon at Prestonwood 11 AM-1:30 PM
- May 19 CWC visit to the USO @ RDU 1:00 PM-3:30 PM (Public Issues CSP)
- May 21 Joint Board Meeting

Program for March 12 Meeting

Dan Thomason of **First Citizens Bank** will be our guest speaker. His topic is “*The Summary of Cary Woman’s Club Investments*”, and “*What’s New in Current Market Conditions*”.

Submitted by Lois Nixon

Education

Congratulations to the **Education CSP** for winning the Award of Excellence for District VI as the General Club winner for the work done in 2019! A special thank you to all of you who worked in the Education CSP as well as all our members who contributed food and funds to the Feeding Friends program. Congratulations to last year’s co-chairs, **Mary-Mel Kroeger** and **Maryanne Olsen** and this year’s co-chairs **Silvia Barba** and **Marci Thomas**. Well done!

Clubwoman of the Year

Congratulations to **Mary Derrick**, President of the Raleigh Woman’s Club and member of our club who received the **Clubwoman of the Year** Award at the February 15 District meeting. Well-deserved, Mary, for all your hard work!

Hospitality

Lunch after the meeting will be at **City Barbeque**, 1305 Kildaire Farm Rd., Cary 27511. Don’t forget your City Barbeque coupon and hand out coupons to family and friends! We get 25% back!

Submitted by Diane Andersen

Membership

The Cary Woman’s Club needs to **focus on Membership** in order to accomplish our mission as a service organization. I would greatly appreciate everyone’s help in both obtaining new members and retaining them. I would like to challenge every member to bring at least one new guest between now and May. Our greatest success in getting and retaining members has been through existing members. I would also encourage you to ask your friends to attend the Fashion Show as that is a great way to show people what we are about. We have a great group of ladies with many wonderful ideas in terms of how we can help our community. This can be better accomplished with more people. Thanks for your help!

Submitted by Priscilla Keating, VP Membership

Conservation (Environment) CSP

Lois Nixon and Karen Russell, co-chairs

In order to help with one of the GFWC National Initiatives, club members across the U.S. are asked to contribute to the planting of 20,000 trees during this GFWC Administration, by May 2020. CWC members may recall that we have donated funds to the Pender County Tree Fund to help them replace hundreds of trees lost during Hurricane Florence.

Now we have the opportunity to plant some trees in our own community in the new Cary Tree Archive. Our planting will take place on **Friday afternoon, March 13**. Details will be available at our March meeting. Please check your calendars and be prepared to sign up to help with this tree planting. We will plant at least two trees with the help of an arborist who will deliver the trees to the site, and also dig the holes for us! We will use Conservation (Environment) CSP funds to purchase the trees, and our volunteers will assist in filling in the holes around the trees and adding mulch.

There will also be an opportunity (date and time to be determined) to help plant a tree at the new Cary Library. More details will be available at the March meeting. This is of special interest to our club as it was Woman's Club members who established the Cary Library in 1951. This planting will include a teaching video on how to plant a tree. Hope you can sign up to help!

Submitted by Lois Nixon

Home Life

Don't forget: Bingo @1:30 is on the **first Tuesday of every month** at Chatham Commons. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. FYI: Home Life will be collecting new or used (in decent shape) sheets and towels at the April meeting. So, clean out your closets!

Submitted by Nell Meece and Jane Suppa

Fundraising: The Fashion Show

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday March 9 at 9:30 AM (different time)** at Karen's house. Please consider joining us.

Arts

On **March 14**, Lois and Karen will be attending the GFWC-NC Arts Festival in Mebane. We will be submitting our three first-place winners from the District Art Fest in February for State judging. Congratulations to new member **Rachelle Oltean** for Crafts (Stamping: Special Card), **Willa Brigham** for Paper Craft (Sweetheart Lady of Wallpaper and Fabric) and **Lois Nixon** for Nature Craft. We also had several second-place winners including Willa Brigham, Lois Nixon, Betty Klutz and Susan Abbott as well as an additional third-place win for Lois Nixon. Thank you, Ladies for doing such a wonderful job representing our club!

Public Issues and Domestic Violence

New Date: Tuesday, May 19, will be the day The Cary Woman's Club will be assisting the USO at RDU airport. Below is information from the USO on what we will be expected to do. I will have a sign-up sheet at our March meeting if you would like to volunteer.

Guidelines for Volunteers- Marine Program

The Marines are coming from training at Camp Lejeune (Camp Geiger) in Jacksonville, NC. After a month there, which follows almost three months of basic training at Parris Island, SC, they are bussed to RDU to fly out for their specialty training. What that means is they are going to another school to learn what they will be doing in the USMC (things like truck driver, military policeman, etc.). After that training, they will report to their first unit where they will utilize that skill.

The day you see them, they will arrive between 1:30 and 2:00pm, having been up since 4:00am that morning. Most will be traveling in "civvies". They have been in the USMC about 4 or 5 months and for most of that time, the people training them have been yelling at them, a military rite of passage, so we will be among the first to treat them with courtesy.

This is where you come in. You should arrive at about 1:00pm. Your group size should be 10 or fewer. We do not have a formal dress code, so be comfortable (especially shoes). You should be done by 3:00pm-3:30pm depending on the USMC group size. You can park in the parking deck for terminal 2. Cost is \$2 per hour with a \$12 cap for a day effective March 2016. We recommend trying to car-pool to save a little cash.

We will meet your group at door 6 of the far side of the terminal where some of our team volunteers will be gathered. From there, if time allows, we will escort you to the Center for a short tour and brief history of the USO of NC.

During your visit, you will do one or two of several things:

1. You will work on signing them in before they go to the USO. This is a manual task where you get their name and rank.
2. You will help tag their bags (both carry on and items to be checked at the airline). The tags they use are those you get at each airline that you are probably familiar with. Any airline tag can go on any bag-it does not necessarily have to be a tag of the airline the bag will be checked with. All they need to do is to put their name and phone number on the tags and any airline tag is acceptable to all airlines, so for example a United tag can be used by someone checking in at another airline. As part of that process, tear off any old tags on their bags that the airlines issued when they checked the bags on their way to Jacksonville weeks ago.
3. We have a team of seasoned volunteers who may on occasion ask you to pitch in on a certain task. Please do so if asked. We would also ask each volunteer to bring

several pens with you. You will need them so the Marines can fill out the bag tags or get signed in. They disappear so bring pens you can afford to lose.

4. Most importantly, just talk to the Marines when they are in line to check in at airlines (not at kiosks, but when they are waiting to check their bags as the airlines back up completing this task if the numbers are big). In doing this, except for asking for directions to the USO or restrooms, defer all questions to a regular volunteer.

5. Please do not help them carrying their bags. In many cases, the bags weigh more than the Marines carrying them, but they know how to balance the weight! But if necessary, you can get them one of the Smart Carte's floating around the terminal.

When your team arrives, they will be taken through the process the Marines will experience, including a USO of NC RDU tour at some point, so all the above information will be clarified so you can have a great experience! Thanks for volunteering to pitch in. It is a great experience you will remember fondly.

(Note: If you are volunteering for this event, please save these rules!)

Submitted by Elzbieta Hibbs

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Fiumara